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NEWSLETTER - FEB/MARCH 2017

Dear Empower Women Community,

This month we have strategically decided to combine two months' content into one newsletter.

We are bringing you a February recap together with all the excitement of the first weeks of March. This includes our #WomensDay celebrations and events during the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61).

On this year's International Women's Day, we kicked off a collaboration with Google to raise awareness of the importance of women's and girls' education and learning opportunities, in particular around digital literacy and digital inclusion. We are currently receiving **donations to expand learning opportunities for every woman and girl and give her a chance to re-write #HerStory.**

CSW61 will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017.
The priority theme is **Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work.**

On 15 March, UN Women, UN Global Compact, UN Office for Partnerships and the US Chamber of Commerce are co-organizing the 2017 Women's Empowerment Principles Forum. It will showcase how companies around the world are implementing the WEPs and helping to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Watch it live [here](#).

On 16 March, UN Women's Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, will share her vision for our forthcoming Virtual Skills School. If you are not in New York or if you missed the registration deadline, you can tune in online [here](#).

How Stock Exchanges Can Advance Gender Equality

Equity Glass

Watch our video to find out how to support gender equality in the workplace and stay tuned for our 'Women in Business' series.

Glossary on Gender Issues in Arabic, French,

English & Spanish

Finally, we are holding an Online Youth Consultation for young people aged 18-35 are encouraged to participate.

The Empower

Webinar Series: Roadmap to Success

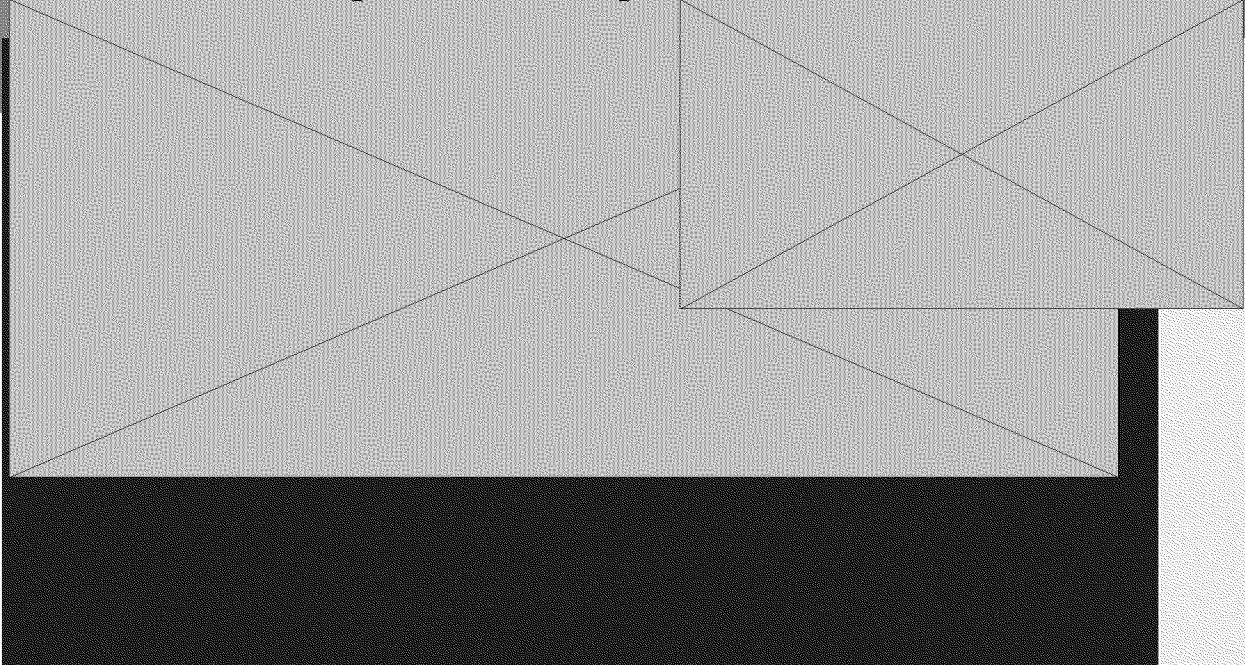
Rural Women in Defeating Hunger and Poverty Empower Women in collaboration with Champion Alumni, Clarissa Rios Rojas, is announcing the new series of webinars "The Roadmap to Success". We are looking forward to have you online with us and discuss about rural women's empowerment is a powerful multiplier for sustainable development. But to be effective it will need action from Member States, investments in developing economies, access to financial assistance and credit, social protection and many other interventions." - Vanessa Avila, 2016-2017 EW Champion for Change

Rural Women Economic Empowerment

Learn more about training in Ethiopia on business skills and the multidimensional and integrated approach of the programme in Kyrgyzstan.

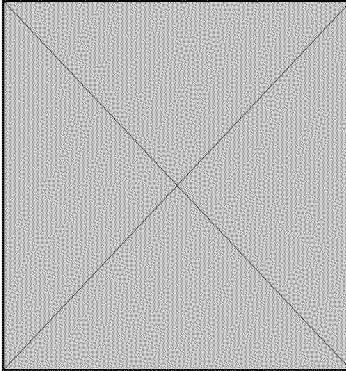
Challenges Facing Women Entrepreneurs

Jamaica leads the way with women managers who demonstrate entrepreneurial and leadership qualities such as competitiveness, confidence, a willingness to take risks." - Leah Davidson, 2016-2017 EW Jamaica. Colombia and St. Lucia have the highest percentage of female managers in the world. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), just under 60 % of the management force in Jamaica are female.



Join the event at United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 3
or tune in [here](#) on March 16 for live webcast

The event will showcase UN Women's innovative Virtual Skills School prototype. The vision is to bring together stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sectors to ensure that all women and girls have a chance to access learning opportunities that will help them access education, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, while at the same time working closely with employers to ensure gender-sensitive work environments through implementation of the WEPs.



#BreakTheGlass: Top Chef Bridgette Young

"Women in male dominated fields must be courageous, empowered and work assiduously toward their goals. Only we can #BreakTheGlass ceiling in the workplace. Never hold back when it comes to moving forward as opportunities have no limits. We have to channel our energy in the direction of success and accept the opportunities when they become apparent." - Bridgette Young

One Woman, One Village and Unearthing of Lost Values

"Our family experienced very hard times until 2009, so I couldn't get to work on my dream. But I never forgot about it. I never dreamed of winning any prizes for this. I only wanted to give back to the community for the sake of my ancestors' souls." - Ozgul Ozturk, Global winner of the Yves Rocher Foundation's 2016 La Terre de Femmes Award

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#HerStory: Nanny - Queen of the Maroons

Far too few women have been immortalized in their country's history. Even less recognition has been given to female slaves who fought against the tyranny and servitude they suffered. One of these iconic women is Queen Nanny of the Jamaican Maroons. This is

#HerStory

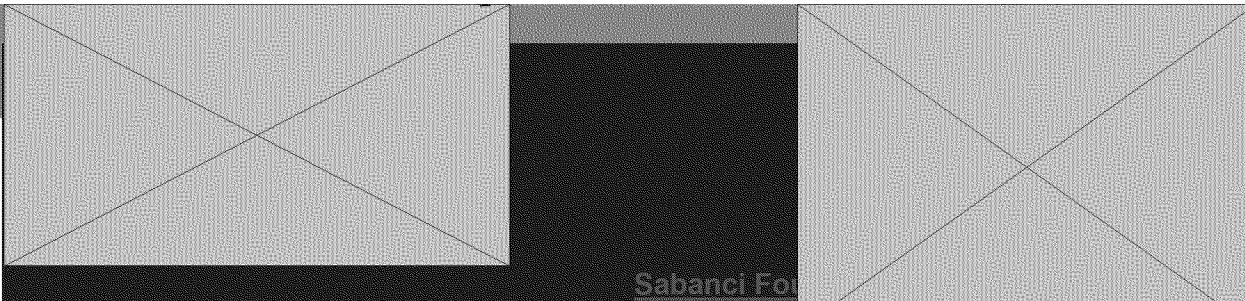
Microfinance in the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic, full of hope and enthusiasm after the fall of communism, has risen to being perceived as a place of practically unlimited options for women and their economic endeavors. However, many women face exclusion and unemployment.

#BreakTheGlass

is about breaking the glass ceiling.

This term was coined a few decades ago as a metaphor to describe the invisible barriers that prevent women and minorities' from climbing the corporate ladder, regardless of their qualifications and skills. But breaking the glass ceiling can be applied to areas beyond the corporate world. This campaign is inclusive of all fronts where women face cultural and social barriers that limit their full economic empowerment.



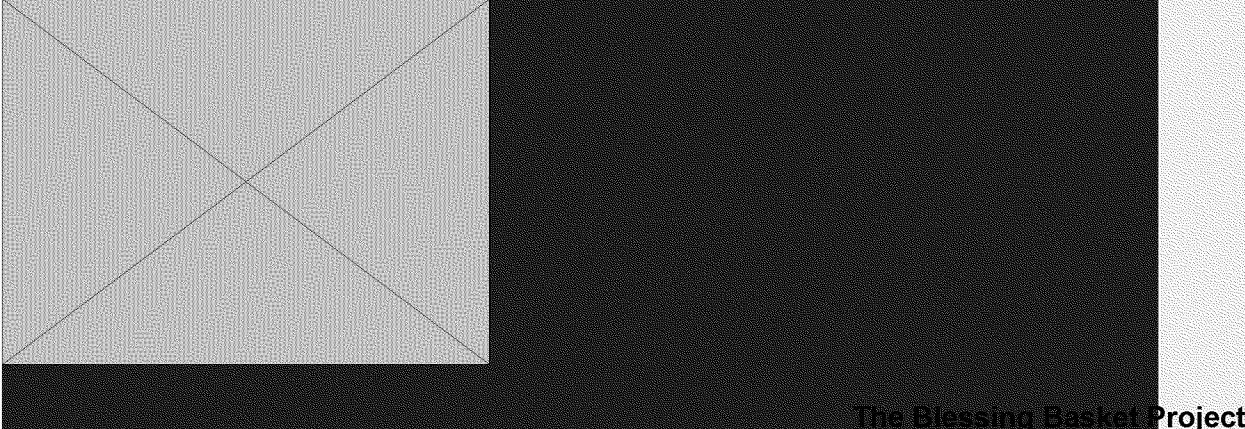
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The Short Film Competition's objective was to raise awareness about social issues and address them through art and cinema.

The jury selected 15 qualifying films out of 126 films submitted to the competition themed "Refugee Women".

WomenUP Ltd

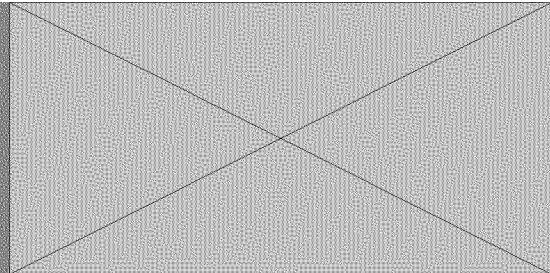
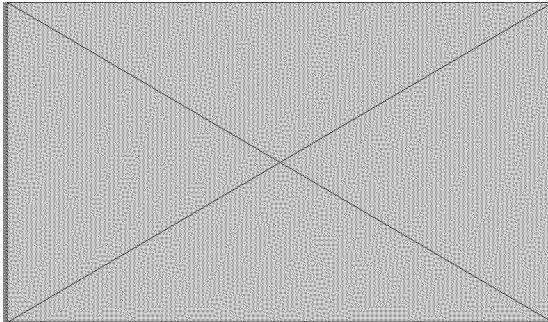
WomanUP Ltd advocates for women's freedom, independence and the right to choose their own lives without being subjected to outside pressure and influence or predetermined. Activities include mentoring women to convey their abilities, be seen and heard, deal with corporate politics, build an effective network and lead successfully.



The Blessing Basket Project

Over the last 12 years the Blessing Basket Project has developed three effective models to increase women's economic empowerment. The organization currently works in 7 countries through a Prosperity Wage model that guarantees women at least 2.5 times fair trade. It also provides them with a sustainable way to exit poverty through entrepreneurship. [Watch the video](#)

Welcome to our WEPs News Section!



Women's Empowerment Principles Forum

This year's event will explore the role of the private sector in achieving the 2030 agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Although the activities for 14 March were postponed due to the weather conditions in New York, we will proceed with a modified agenda for the second day.

WEPs Gender Gap Analysis Tool

The WEPs Gender Gap Analysis Tool helps the global business community identify gaps in gender equality and enables companies to make informed decisions on setting goals and strategies. The tool will be launched on 15 March at the Women's Empowerment Principles Forum breakfast in New York.

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